

Applicant Details

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Texas A&M University-College Station**
 Date of BA/BS **May 2020**
 JD/LLB From **South Texas College of Law**
http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=74405&yr=2011
 Date of JD/LLB **December 16, 2023**
 Class Rank **5%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **South Texas Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission

Admission(s) **Texas**

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial
Internships/ **Yes**
Externships
Post-graduate
Judicial Law **No**
Clerk

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 5, 2023

The Honorable Alfred H. Bennett
United States District Court

Bob Casey United States Courthouse
515 Rusk, Room 8624
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Judge Bennett:

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for Kaitlyn Carrara in support of her application to be a judicial clerk. I am not commonly asked to write clerkship recommendation letters as I teach highly specialized oil and gas transactional and property classes, and my students commonly enter into such work immediately upon graduation. I am glad to write this one, however, because I believe she has the makings of a fine clerk.

She earned an 'A' in my Oil, Gas & Mineral Law course, a difficult, math-intensive class—some students have actually earned failing marks, a rarity in law school. In fact, she earned the second highest grade in the class and, because of that, received a scholarship award from the Houston Bar Association. Throughout it all, Ms. Carrara was involved and prepared every day.

More broadly, Kaitlyn has been a sound student in all her classes, as her resume and records show. Her analytical skills seem good. She is also a bright, forthright, and genuinely friendly young person. She has shown the all-important willingness to take instruction and constructive criticism.

I would be happy to discuss her credentials further at (432) 352-7243 or ckulander@stcl.edu

Respectfully,

Professor Christopher S. Kulander
South Texas College of Law - Houston

Ph.D. (petroleum seismology), J.D., M.S. (geophysics), B.S. (geology)

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June 02, 2023

The Honorable Alfred Bennett
Bob Casey United States Courthouse
515 Rusk Street, Room 8631
Houston, TX 77002-2600

Dear Judge Bennett:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Kaitlyn Carrara as a candidate for a judicial clerkship. I am quite pleased to do so because I believe Ms. Carrara would be a positive asset to any legal chambers, both in her role as a briefing attorney and as a co-worker. She is mature, competent, skilled, a quick study, and an engaged team member.

My recommendation stems from interactions with Ms. Carrara when she was enrolled in my federal Criminal Procedure course in Fall 2022. She received the highest grade in the class from a cohort of 75 students. Based on impressions formed during this course, which met four hours each week over the course of 14 weeks, I feel confident that Ms. Carrara possesses the skills and values necessary to positively impact the working of any court in which she clerks.

In the context of that class, Ms. Carrara's final exam performance demonstrated an in-depth understanding of the constitutional dimensions of contemporary criminal procedure. Perhaps even more significant for purposes of this recommendation was her in-class and small group work throughout the semester. The course is designed to include peer working sessions to take a deeper dive into some of the cases studied, predict future applications, and identify trends. The working groups then report back to the class as a whole. This work demands a collaborative approach and a curious mind. Ms. Carrara showed both.

I welcome your calls concerning a candidate whom I am proud to recommend.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Greene Burnett
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

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